

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A multiple function apparatus, comprising:

a first transporting guide being formed so as to transport a first sheet;

a second transporting guide, provided along said first transporting guide, including a straight guide part and a deflecting guide part, said straight guide part being formed so as to transport a second sheet straight and is open at one end, and said deflecting guide part being connected to said straight guide part at a side opposite said one end so as to transport a second sheet in a direction different from a direction of transport effected by said straight guide part;

a first apparatus provided in a space between said deflecting guide part and said first transporting guide and performing processing for said first sheet in a case where said first sheet is transported along said first transporting guide; and

a second apparatus provided at said straight guide part, and performing processing for said second sheet in a case where said second sheet is transported along said straight guide part;

wherein said first transporting guide is provided opposite a direction of deflection effected by said deflecting guide part with respect to said straight guide portion, and said deflecting guide part is disposed over said first apparatus;

wherein a direction of transport of said first sheet effected by a portion of said first transporting guide which faces to said straight guide part of said second transporting guide and a direction of transport of said second sheet effected by said straight guide part form an angle smaller than 90 degrees with the vertical direction in a case where said multiple function apparatus is provided for use;

a first transporting mechanism transporting said first sheet by said first transporting guide;

a second transporting mechanism transporting said second sheet from said straight guide part of said second transporting guide toward said deflecting guide part in a manner that said second sheet is transported in substantially a same direction as said first sheet;

a first sheet delivery port for delivery of said first sheet from said multiple function apparatus, said first sheet delivery port being provided at a location downstream of said first transporting guide as viewed in a direction of transport of said first sheet;

a second sheet delivery port for delivery of said second sheet from said multiple function apparatus, said second delivery port being provided at a location downstream of said deflecting guide part as viewed in a direction of transport of said second sheet;

wherein said first and second sheet delivery ports are provided at a same side of said multiple function apparatus.

2. (Original) A multiple function apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus is provided opposite of said first transporting guide with respect to said straight guide part.

3 and 4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A multiple function apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second

transporting guide is provided closer to the front side of said multiple function apparatus than is said first transporting guide, said first apparatus is an image forming apparatus, said second apparatus is a scanner, a sheet accommodating part is provided at a location a location upstream of said first transporting guide as viewed in said sheet transporting direction, said sheet accommodating part accommodates a plurality of sheets to be fed to said first transporting guide.

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6. (Original) A multiple function apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said deflecting guide part serves as a part of a cover of said multiple function apparatus and covers said image forming apparatus.

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7. (Original) A multiple function apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said deflecting guide part is movable, so that said image forming apparatus can be exposed.

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8. (Original) A multiple function apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said first apparatus and said second apparatus are provided in such a positional relation as to overlap each other in the vertical direction in a case where said multiple function apparatus is in use.

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9. (NEW) A multiple function apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an upper part of the first transporting guide is at an upstream position in a sheet stream direction than a lower part of the first transporting guide, and an upper part of the second transporting guide is located

upstream from a lower part of the second transporting guide.

8 10. (NEW) A multiple function apparatus according to claim 7, the second apparatus is a scanner which is detachable from the multiple function apparatus and used as a handy scanner, when detached from the multiple function apparatus.

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CON 1 9 11. (New) A multiple function device comprising:

a housing;

5 a first transporting guide arranged in said housing and transporting a first sheet, said first transporting guide including a straight guide part and a deflecting guide part connected to said straight guide part;

10 a second transporting guide arranged in said housing and including a straight guide part and a deflecting guide part, said straight guide part being formed to transport a second sheet straight in a straight guide direction and said straight guide having an open end, said deflecting guide part being connected to said straight guide part at a side opposite said open end so as to transport the second sheet in a deflection direction different from said straight guide direction;

a first apparatus provided in a space of said housing between said deflecting guide part of said second transporting guide and said first transporting guide, said first apparatus processing said first sheet when the first sheet is transported along said first transporting guide;

15 a second apparatus provided at said straight guide part of said second transporting guide, said second apparatus processing the second sheet when the second sheet is transported

along said straight guide part of said second transporting guide;

said first transporting guide being arranged on a side of said straight guide portion of said second transporting guide diametrically opposite said deflecting guide part of said second transporting guide, said deflecting guide part of said second transporting guide being arranged over said first apparatus;

wherein a direction of transport of said straight guide parts of said first and second transporting guides form an angle smaller than 90 degrees with a vertical direction and are in substantially a same direction;

a first sheet delivery port in said housing for delivery of the first sheet from said first transporting guide;

a second sheet delivery port in said housing for delivery of said second sheet from said second transporting guide, said first and second sheet delivery ports being arranged at a same side of said housing.

<sup>10</sup> 12. (New) A device in accordance with claim <sup>9</sup> 11, wherein:

said first transporting guide transports the first sheet from said straight guide part to said deflecting guide part of said first transporting guide;

said second transporting guide transports the second sheet from said straight guide part to said deflecting guide part of said second transporting guide.